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## ELEVEN LOCAL BREEDERS' CUP CONTENDERS LOG PENULTIMATE WORKS

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** (Friday, Oct. 23, 2020) – On a busy Friday morning beneath the Twin Spires at Churchill Downs, several Breeders' Cup contenders logged their penultimate published workouts prior to the season-ending championships on Nov. 6-7 at Keeneland.

Breeders' Cup contenders that worked Friday morning at Churchill Downs included the following horses:

Horse	Trainer	Distance, Time	Breeders' Cup Race
Abarta	Brad Cox	Four Furlongs, :48.40	Juvenile Turf
Aunt Pearl	Brad Cox	Five Furlongs, 1:00.80	Juvenile Fillies Turf
Bell's the One	Neil Pessin	Five Furlongs, 1:00.40	Filly & Mare Sprint
Emro	Brad Cox	Five Furlongs, 1:00.80	Juvenile Fillies Turf
Essential Quality	Brad Cox	Six Furlongs, 1:13	Juvenile
Girl Daddy	Dale Romans	Five Furlongs, 1:00.80	Juvenile Fillies
Got Stormy	Mark Casse	Four Furlongs, :47.20	Turf Sprint
Mr Money	Bret Calhoun	Five Furlongs, :58.80	Dirt Mile
Silver Dust	Bret Calhoun	Five Furlongs, :1:00.20	Dirt Mile
Sittin On Go	Dale Romans	Five Furlongs, 1:00.40	Juvenile
War of Will	Mark Casse	Five Furlongs, :59.80	Dirt Mile

The action began early Friday at 5:25 a.m. (all times Eastern) as 2019 Preakness Stakes (GI) winner **War of Will** worked with jockey **Declan Carroll** in the saddle. The duo clipped through fractions of :11.60, :23.40, :34.80 and :46.80. They continued galloping out strongly around the clubhouse turn and completed six furlongs in 1:12.20, seven furlongs in 1:24.80 and were up one-mile in 1:38.40, according to Churchill Downs clocker **John Nichols**.

"I was just the passenger along for the ride," said Carroll, whose father, **David**, is Casse's assistant trainer. "I've always loved how this horse trains over the dirt. He's very versatile and can run on dirt or turf but he's always trained great over the dirt."

War of Will previously finished third in the \$1 million Woodbine Mile (GI) over the turf. This will be War of Will's first dirt try since last year's Breeders' Cup Classic (GI) where he finished a disappointing ninth.

In the next set, the Carroll family continued their eventful morning as the matriarch of the family, **Kim**, worked recent \$150,000 Franklin County (GIII) winner **Got Stormy** through splits of :11.80, :23.20 and :34.80. Got Stormy is possible to take on males in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (GI). She finished second in last year's Breeders' Cup Mile (GI).

It was a typical busy morning for Cox barn as he breezed his first of four Breeders' Cup contenders at 5:30 a.m. – **Godolphin**'s \$400,000 Breeders' Futurity (GI) winner **Essential Quality**. The colt, with **Florent Geroux** up, started his work one length behind multiple graded stakes winner **Mr. Misunderstood** through splits of :13.20, :36.80, :48.80 and 1:00.60. Essential Quality finished even with Mr. Misunderstood at the wire and the duo galloped out together in 1:26.40.

"He seems like he's really matured over the summer into where he is now," Geroux said. "He's one of those horses where he keeps getting better as he gets more experience."

Geroux had the next couple of sets off from working horses for Cox but returned to the track at 7:30 a.m. to breeze **Michael Dubb, Madaket Stables, Peter Deutsch, Michael Kisber** and **The Elkstone Group**'s undefeated \$150,000 Jessimine (GII) winner **Aunt Pearl**. The two-time winner worked outside of **Kueber Racing**'s \$398,000 Untapable Stakes winner **Emro**, who had jockey **Shaun Bridgmohan** in the saddle. The duo worked in tandem and galloped out six furlongs in 1:13.80.

Emro, who is named after owner **Rick Kueber**'s daughter **Emerson**, broke her maiden in front-running fashion at Ellis Park prior to closing form more than seven lengths off the pace in the 6 ½-furlong Untapable.

"She's pretty versatile she can run out front or can come from off the pace," Kueber said. "There's a lot of speed in the race. She's certainly has the pedigree to run long."

Cox will be a special guest Friday on "**Inside Churchill Downs**" to talk about his nine Breeders' Cup entrants and other stable stars. The one-hour program will air at 6 p.m. on ESPN 680/105.7 in Louisville or online at <u>www.espnlouisville.com</u>.

Also donning the Friday work tab was Calhoun's duo of **Allied Racing Stable** and **Spendthrift Farm**'s multiple Grade III winner and recent \$100,000 Ack Ack (GIII) hero **Mr. Money** and **Tom Durant**'s gutsy three-time graded stakes champion **Silver Dust** 

Mr. Money was the first of Calhoun's workers Friday and recorded the fastest five-furlong move of the day out of 44 horses. With **Gabriel Saez** in the irons, the fleet-footed Mr. Money cruised through early fractions of :11.60, :23.40, :34.80 and :46.80. He continued to gallop out swiftly around the turn through six furlongs in 1:11.60, seven-eighths in 1:25.40 and finished one-mile in 1:40.20.

"It was kind of an almost must-win situation in the Ack Ack to get him back on track," Calhoun said. "Mentally I think it was good for him and I can tell a difference with his training. He seems happier after the race. He hasn't had a lot go right for him this year in his races so coming into the race off a win is crucial."

Silver Dust, a six-time winner for Calhoun, breezed with jockey **Adam Beschizza** in the irons through fractions of :11.60, :23.40, and :35.60.

"He's sort of been a challenging horse his entire career," Calhoun said of the 6-year-old son of Tapit. "He's continued to get better mentally and he's been more consistent with age. I know it's in him to come out of his shell."

Following the 7:30 a.m. track renovation break, recent \$500,000 Derby City Distaff (GI) winner **Bell's the One** continued her march to the Filly & Mare Sprint with jockey **Corey Lanerie**. Per usual, Bell's the One began her work three lengths behind stablemate **Grove Daddy** and worked in :25.40 and :37.20. Bell's the One finished two lengths in front of Grove Daddy at the wire and galloped out around the clubhouse turn in 1:13.20.

"She likes to have a target in front of her, so we typically work her this way," Pessin said. "Her race against **Serengeti Empress** (in the Derby City Distaff) was so thrilling. She dug in really hard that day to get up just in time."

The final two Breeders' Cup works of the morning came at 9 a.m. from **Albaugh Family Stable**'s duo of **Sittin On Go** and **Girl Daddy**. Sittin On Go, the 24-1 upset winner of the \$200,000 Iroquois (GIII), worked with exercise rider **Faustino Herrarte** aboard through swift early eighth-mile fractions of :11.40, :22.40, :34.80 and :47.

Moments later, \$200,000 Pocahontas (GIII) winner **Girl Daddy** breezed with jockey **Joe Talamo** up through splits of :11.80, :23.80 and :48.40. She galloped out six furlongs in 1:13.60.

Saturday's work tab at Churchill Downs is expected to include at least 13 Breeders' Cup contenders. Below are the scheduled workers:

Horse	Trainer	Race	
Arklow	Brad Cox	Turf	
Beau Recall	Brad Cox	Mile	
By My Standards	Bret Calhoun	Classic	
Crazy Beautiful	Kenny McPeek	Juvenile Fillies	
Factor This	Brad Cox	Mile	
Global Campaign	Stan Hough	Classic	
Knicks Go	Brad Cox	Dirt Mile	
Monomoy Girl	Brad Cox	Distaff	
Mr Freeze	Dale Romans	Dirt Mile/Classic	
Sally's Curlin	Dale Romans	Filly & Mare Sprint	
Simply Ravishing	Kenny McPeek	Juvenile Fillies	
Swiss Skydiver	Kenny McPeek	Distaff/Classic	
Tom's d'Etat	Al Stall Jr.	Classic	

STAKES WINNER SUPER STOCK MADE 8-5 FAVORITE IN STREET SENSE; UNDEFEATED FILLY COACH TABBED AS MILD 3-1 FAV IN RAGS TO RICHES – Erv Woolsey and Keith Asmussen's multiple graded stakes placed Super Stock was made the solid 8-5 morning line favorite in Sunday's \$98,000-added Street Sense while Kueber Racing's undefeated Coach tops the \$98,000-added Pocahontas as the 3-1 early favorite.

The 1 1/16-mile Street Sense and Rags to Riches are the co-headlining races of the 11-race kickoff of the 24-day Fall Meet. Dubbed as Stars of Tomorrow I, the afternoon will feature all 2-year-old racing. First post is 1 p.m. (all times Eastern).

Super Stock, a Kentucky-bred son of Dialed In, broke his maiden Aug. 11 in the \$113,000 Texas Futurity at Lone Star Park. The colt subsequently finished third in the \$200,000 Iroquois presented by Ford (Grade III) and \$400,000 Breeders' Futurity (GI). **Ricardo Santana Jr.** has the call from post No. 7.

The complete field for the Street Sense in order of post position (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Crime Spree** (Mitchell Murrill, Eric Heitzmann, 15-1); **Oncoming Train** (Rafael Bejarano, Jimmy DiVito, 9-2); **Arabian Prince** (Joe Talamo, Dallas Stewart, 4-1); **King Fury** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Kenny McPeek, 9-2); **Eucharist** (Tyler Gaffalione, Rodolphe Brisset, 5-1); **Franz Josef** (Julien Leparoux, Glenn Wismer, 10-1); and Super Stock (Santana, Steve Asmussen, 8-5).

The Street Sense annually serves as a steppingstone to the \$200,000 Jockey Club (GII) on Nov. 28 at Churchill Downs. It is carded as Race 8 with a post time of 4:36 p.m.

Two races later, Coach will stretch out in distance for the first time in the Rags to Riches. Trained by **Brad Cox**, Coach recorded dominant victories at Indiana Grand breaking her maiden by 4 ½ lengths and besting first-level allowance company by 9 ¾ lengths. The daughter of Commissioner will be ridden by **Florent Geroux** from post No. 8.

The field for the Rags to Riches from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Orsetto** (Declan Cannon, Tim Austin, 8-1); **Malibu Bird** (Tyler Gaffalione, Norm Casse, 9-2); **Dash to the Top** (Gabriel Saez, Wayne Catalano, 15-1); **Oliviaofthedesert** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Kenny McPeek, 4-1); **Lady Traveler** (Joe Talamo, Dale Romans, 5-1); **Salty as Can Be** (Ricardo Santana Jr, Mark Casse, 5-1); **Torsie's Charm** (Adam Beschizza, Eddie Kenneally, 20-1); Coach (Geroux, Cox, 3-1); and **Midnight Ballerina** (Julien Leparoux, Bill Mott, 8-1).

Inaugurated in 2005, the Stars of Tomorrow programs at Churchill Downs have helped launch the careers of more than 50 future Grade I winners including Kentucky Derby winner **Super Saver**, Kentucky Oaks winners **Rachel Alexandra**, **Believe You Can** and **Monomoy Girl** and Preakness (GI) winner **Swiss Skydiver**.

A total of 104 horses were entered in the body of Sunday's card for an average of 9.45 horses per race.

Sunday's National Weather Service forecast calls for cloudy conditions with highs in the high 60s. The rail on the Matt Winn Turf Course will be set in Lane 2, 15 ft. off the inside hedge.

CHURCHILL DOWNS WELCOMES BACK FANS FOR FALL MEET – Sunday's Fall Meet opener will mark the first time this year that spectators can return to Churchill Downs for live racing. Churchill Downs will continue to follow the COVID-19 health and safety protocols for Venues and Events as mandated by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Last year's average daily attendance during the Fall Meet was 4,200 guests, and less spectators are expected this year. Reserved outdoor box seats as well as select indoor premium areas will be open with proper social distancing at limited capacity per the state's requirements for venues and event spaces.

To facilitate a safe and enjoyable experience, there will be no general admission at the Fall Meet but first floor reserved box seats will be sold at general admission pricing for \$5 (\$7 on Nov. 27-28). Third floor box seats are \$12. Dining options are \$39 (\$72 on Thanksgiving Day and \$49 on Nov. 27-28). Tickets may be purchased online at <a href="https://www.churchilldowns.com/tickets/">https://www.churchilldowns.com/tickets/</a>. Children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Parking is available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

Temperature checks, medical questionnaires, physical distancing and mandatory face coverings will be required upon entrance and movement within Churchill Downs. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present.

More information on Churchill Downs' COVID-19 health and safety guidelines can be found online at <a href="https://www.churchilldowns.com/tickets/admissions-services/updates">https://www.churchilldowns.com/tickets/admissions-services/updates</a>.

STARS OF TOMORROW PRODUCES – Inaugurated in 2005, the "Stars of Tomorrow" programs at Churchill Downs have helped launched the careers of numerous graded stakes winners, including more than 50 future Grade I winners led by Horse of the Year champions Gun Runner (2017) and Rachel Alexandra (2009); Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver (2010); Kentucky Oaks winners Rachel Alexandra (2009), Believe You Can (2012) and Monomoy Girl (2018); Preakness winners Shackleford (2011), War of Will (2019) and Swiss Skydiver (2020); Belmont winners Creator (2016) and Tiz the Law (2020); as well as 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic and 2013 Stephen Foster hero Fort Larned and 2013 champion 3-year-old Will Take Charge.

CHURCHILL DOWNS RACING TO AIR ON FS1/FS2 – The racing action from Churchill Downs Racetrack throughout the Fall Meet will be broadcast on FOX Sports' "America's Day at the Races," which will air every race day on either FS1 or FS2. Produced by the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) in partnership with FOX Sports, "America's Day at the Races" is the acclaimed national telecast presenting coverage and analysis of the best racing from around the country. Sunday's opener at Churchill Downs will air on FS2 from 12:30-2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. (no racing from 2-3 p.m. but programming will air from 12:30-6 p.m. on MSG+).

**DOWN THE STRETCH** – Churchill Downs will offer handicappers free Brisnet past performances each day. Horseplayers can visit <a href="https://www.churchilldowns.com/racing-handicapping/handicapping/expert-picks">www.churchilldowns.com/racing-handicapping/handicapping/expert-picks</a> for complementary Brisnet past performances along with daily expert selections from **Ed DeRosa**, **Joe Kristufek** and **Scott Shapiro** of TwinSpires.com and several other handicapping tips including workouts of the day from expert clocker **Bruno DeJulio**. ... For more information and to purchase tickets for the Fall Meet, visit <a href="https://www.churchilldowns.com">www.churchilldowns.com</a>